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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA IN SC

1. AMB SCALI CALLED TOGETHER UK PERM REP RICHARD AND FRENCH PERM REP DE GUIRINGAUD LATE OCT 24 TO DISCUSS EVOLUTION OF SC DEBATE ON SA, AND TO MAKE SURE THERE WOULD BE UNITED ACTION IN EVENT OF EXPULSION RES. SCALI STARTED OUT DISCUSSION BY EMPHASIZING THAT US WLD VETO EXPULSION LANGUAGE AND HE UNDERSTOOD FRANCE AND BRITIAN WLD VOTE IN SAME WAY. SCALI NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT OUR PREFERENCE WAS TO AVOID AN EXPULSION RES, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. WHAT TYPE OF LANGUAGE WLD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE OTHERS TO ACCEPT OR AT LEAST NOT TO OPPOSE?

2. DE GUIRINGAUD SAID THAT FRANCE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GO ALONG WITH A "LAST WARNING" TO SAG, WHICH INCLUDED RECOMMENDATION OF SEVERANCE OF ALL DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH PRETORIA. AMB SCALI COUNTERED IT WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW THIS WLD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO USG. NEITHER FRANCE NOR UK CLD SUPPORT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. ALL THREE TENTATIVELY AGREED THEY CLD SUPPORT RES PUTTING PRESSURE ON SAG FOR MUCH

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SWIFTER PROGRESS ON NAMIBIA. RICHARD DID VOLUNTEER THAT IF

THERE WERE EXPULSION LANGUAGE, OUR GOVTS FAVOR TRIPLE VETO. DE GUIRINGAUD DID NOT DISGAREE. RICHARD NOTED COMPROMISE RES UNDOUBTEDLY WLD RECOMMEND BOYCOTT OF MILITARY SALES TO SAG WHICH HIS GOVT COULD ACCEPT. WHILE DE GUIRINGAUD SQUIRMED, SCALI AGREED SUCH BAN WOULD LIKELY BE DEMANDED AND SOME TEXT FLOATED SOON. THERE FEW CANDIDATES TO TABLE ACCEPTABLE RES WHICH WLD NOT BE VIEWED AS A VERY TRANSPARENT WESTERN EFFORT. SCALI CAUTIONED ANY DRAFT SURFACED NOW SHLD GO ONLY 50 PER CENT OF DISTANCE THREE WLD BE READY TO ACCEPT LATER. PROSPECTS OF AUSTRIA'S TAMPERING WITH A RES, OF INDONESIA OR PERU NOT BEING WILLING, AND OF COSTA RICA NOT BEING VIEWED AS "RESPECTABLE", LED PARTICIPANTS TO LOOK OUTSIDE COUNCIL FOR INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS WITH WHOM TO LOBBY IN THIS DIRECTION. US CHOSE OGBU OF NIGERIA, BRITISH WILL SEE SALIM OF TANZANIA, AND FRENCH WILL SEE "TWO OR THREE FRANCOPHONES", INCLUDING MAURITANIA.

3. US, UK AND FRANCE ARE TO MEET AGAIN OCT 25 TO COMPARE NOTES. MEANWHILE ALL AGREED THAT IT WLD NOT BE DESIRABLE TO TRUMPET INTENTION TO VETO. WE SHOULD CONFINE OUR COMMENTS TO SAYING WE HAD "GREAT DIFFICULTY" WITH EXPULSION LANGUAGE. SCALI SAID READINESS TO USE TRIPLE VETO SHLD BE MADE CLEAR ONLY LATER IF NEEDED FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT. IN MEANTIME IF ENOUGH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN CONTACTS, WE LATER WILL CONSIDER AGREEING BEHIND SCENES ON DRAFT WHICH ONE (OR SEVERAL) OF OUR CONTACTS COULD FLOAT. SCALI

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